

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striethrough~~.

The specification in Tables 1 and 2 on page 9 are amended herein to replace the "°C" with "°". Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 1, with the following paragraph:

Table 1 shows experimental results explaining how the angle of the inclined surface at the terminal face of the lead was changed when the "pushing distance" H of the tape-like fiber cable 10 was changed. In this experiment, a diamond-grinding sheet was used as a grinding sheet and the grinding time was 2 minutes.

TABLE 1

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|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Pushing distance (μm) | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 70 | 100 |
| Grinding angle ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 8.0 | 9.5 |

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 25, with the following paragraph:

Table 2 shows experimental results explaining how the angle of the inclined terminal face of the lead 12 was changed when the number of channels (number of optical fibers) of the tape-like fiber cable was changed from 1 to 4, under conditions that the "pushing distance" H of the optical fibers was 50 μm , a diamond-grinding sheet was used as a grinding sheet and the grinding time was 2 minutes, in the same manner as the above experiments shown in Table 1.

TABLE 2

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|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ch | 1 ch | 2 ch | 3 ch | 4 ch |
| Angle ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) | 6.834 | 7.038 | 7.097 | 6.861 |